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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8063**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1965

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 20, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Chiropractors.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires a chiropractor to complete at least 400 hours of classroom instruction in spinal manipulation or adjustment and at least 800 hours of supervised clinical training at an accredited facility where spinal manipulation or adjustment is a primary method of treatment. A chiropractor may use any instrument or procedure to practice chiropractic if the chiropractor is trained to use the instrument and perform the procedure through a chiropractic school or college approved by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. A chiropractor may use physical therapy techniques in the practice of chiropractic. A chiropractor is presumed to be competent to testify as an expert witness if the court is satisfied that the information is of the type reasonably relied upon by other chiropractors.

An athletic trainer or a physical therapist is prohibited from performing spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Health Professions Bureau, which administers the state regulation of chiropractors, may experience an increase in expenses associated with notifying the public of changes in the requirements and modifying any rules, if necessary. The expenses are not expected to be significant, and the Bureau should be able to absorb any additional expenses given its current budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill specifies that in order for an applicant to receive a license in chiropractic, the applicant must have, among other requirements, at least 400 hours of classroom instruction in spinal manipulation or adjustment and at least 800 hours of supervised clinical training at an accredited facility where spinal manipulation or adjustment is a primary method of treatment. This requirement could affect the number of applicants, which could, in turn, affect the amount of revenue generated by the license fees. The overall impact is indeterminable and dependent upon the number of applicants that the provision affects. License fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

*As a point of information,* the Health Professions Bureau collected \$27,363 in fees from chiropractors in fiscal year 1998 and \$19,258 in 1997. Licenses must be renewed every two years.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Health Professions Bureau.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**